

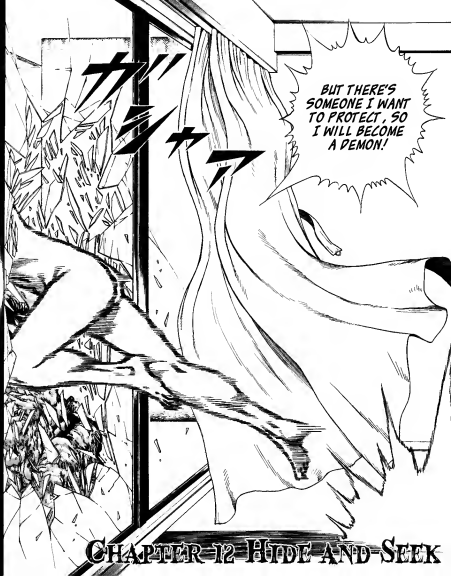
CHAPTER 12 HIDE AND SEEK

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
BECOME A  
DEMON.

I DON'T  
WANT TO,  
BUT...

HITO,  
WHAT'S  
WRONG?

OPEN THIS  
DOOR!



*BUT THERE'S  
SOMEONE I WANT  
TO PROTECT, SO  
I WILL BECOME  
A DEMON!*

**CHAPTER 12 HIDE AND SEEK**



Fuahaha!  
Oniwakamaru,  
the King of  
the Yokai, has  
arrived!





I'm not  
as gentle  
as Hito!

I'll bust  
your brains  
out!

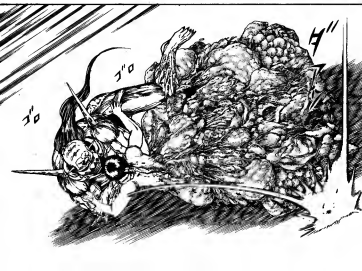


HITO'S  
TURNED INTO  
OMWAKAMARU...



WHA...  
WHAT'S  
GOING ON?

I HEARD  
LOUD  
NOISES!

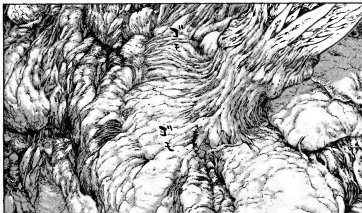
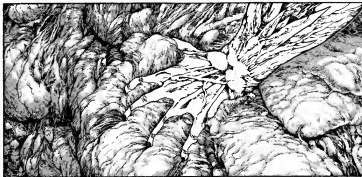




Wha...  
What!?



I'VE  
CAUGHT  
ME A  
DEMON.









Hm?

WA...  
WAIT,  
ONIWAKA-  
MARU!



So, child,  
you're one of  
Priest Anka's  
underlings!



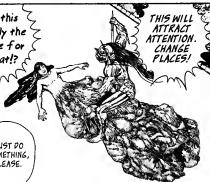
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON DOWN  
THERE?



He's  
consuming  
my arm so  
rapidly!

Is this  
really the  
time for  
that!?

JUST DO  
SOMETHING,  
PLEASE.



THIS WILL  
ATTRACT  
ATTENTION.  
CHANGE  
PLACES!





A GAME  
OF HIDE  
AND SEEK.







I'll  
slice you  
into bits,  
child!



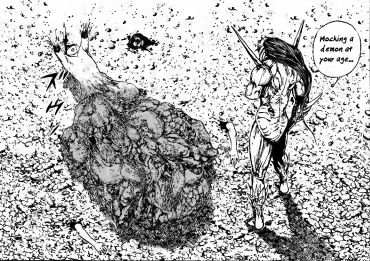
HAHAHAHA!  
I WAS MADE  
TO ELIMINATE  
DEMONS!













Demon flesh  
regenerates.



I CAN  
REGENERATE  
TOO.







THE MORE  
YOU HURT ME,  
THE LARGER  
AND STRONGER  
I BECOME.

BECAUSE I,  
MOMOTARO,  
AM A HERO.

異形人  
白若丸



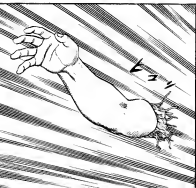
THE MORE  
YOU HURT ME,  
THE LARGER  
AND STRONGER  
I BECOME.



HEROES  
DON'T LOSE.  
HEROES  
DON'T DIE!

BECAUSE I,  
MOMOTARO,  
AM A HERO.

# CHAPTER 13 THE LEGEND OF MOMOTARO



My...  
arms and  
legs won't  
move!

GET OUT  
OF THERE  
FAST,  
ONIWAKA-  
MARU!



A close-up of a hand holding a long, curved blade. The blade is held vertically, and the hand is positioned at the hilt. The blade's curve is emphasized by a long, thin line extending from the tip.

SO THIS IS  
THE KIND OF  
BLADE THAT  
DEMONS HAVE.  
QUITE SHARP.

A large, muscular demon with a wide, screaming mouth. He has a thick, shaggy beard and is wearing a loincloth. He is holding a long, straight sword. The background shows a large, muscular figure, possibly another demon, holding a similar sword.

What!?

A close-up of the demon's face as he screams in pain. His mouth is wide open, and his eyes are squeezed shut. He is holding a long, straight sword. The background shows a large, muscular figure, possibly another demon, holding a similar sword.

Gahh!







You're already  
dead if you  
don't die.



I GOT STRONGER BY DYING, TOO.



GOD TOLD ME THAT IF I TAKE A DEMON'S SOUL, THEN THE DEMON WILL BE TERMINATED AND I WILL GET STRONGER.



Priest Anku!

HE IS GOD.





I DECIDED  
TO ONLY TAKE  
A MASTURBATION  
BREAK OR KARAOKE  
BREAK ONCE A WEEK!

I DON'T  
HAVE A CELL  
PHONE.



I, OF COURSE,  
DON'T HAVE A  
GIRLFRIEND.



A SNEERING, PROUD  
FRIEND OF MINE SAID,  
"YOU'LL ONLY GET  
HOW TO STUDY IF  
SOMEONE DOES  
STUDY."

I SLEPT  
THREE HOURS  
A NIGHT.



BUT...

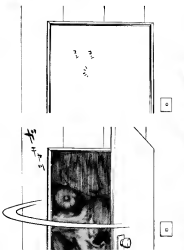


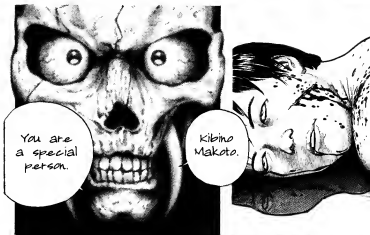
TO LAW  
School!



I STILL  
BELIEVED  
I'D HAVE  
THE LAST  
LAUGH.

ENGLISH







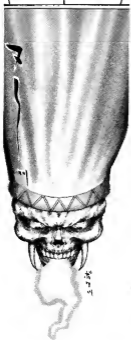
You are descended from Kibitsuano Hiko-no-mikoto of the Yamato court army.



A hero that defeated the demon Ura clan that came from the spirit world.

The story of Kibitsuano Hiko-no-mikoto is told as the Legend of Momotaro today.





The  
demon  
is close  
to you!

Your mission  
is to punish  
this demon!

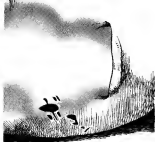
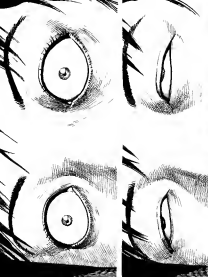


Live again,  
Momotaro!

Take  
his  
soul!







7  
"





EVEN THOUGH  
ALL I'M DOING IS  
ABSORBING YOU.  
THE PAIN IS  
EXTRAORDINARY,  
RIGHT? I MEAN, YOUR  
SKIN IS GETTING  
PEELED OFF, YOUR  
MUSCLES TORN  
AWAY, AND YOUR BONES  
DISSOLVED!

TAKE  
MOMOTARO'S  
SOUL, ONI-  
WAKAMARU!

HE'LL BE  
DESTROYED  
IF YOU TAKE  
HIS SOUL!



Gah!  
I can't  
hold  
out!



Urgh.  
Do you  
not feel  
this pain,  
Hitot?!



What!?

KEEP IT  
TOGETHER!  
YOU CALL  
YOURSELF  
A DEMON!?



YOUR PAIN  
IS MY PAIN!

GIVING  
UP NOW  
WILL END  
EVERYTHING!



All right,  
I will show  
you my  
demonic  
powers!

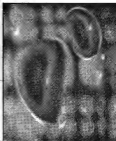


WHA...  
WHAT  
IS THIS  
PLACE?

Most likely  
inside a vein.

We  
are inside  
Momotaro's  
body.

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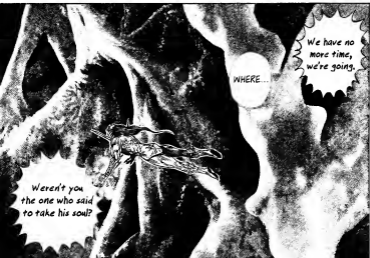
But if our body is completely absorbed by Momotaro, then our consciousness will disappear as well.

SO  
WE'VE BEEN  
COMPLETELY  
CONSUMED!?



I can't really explain, but I've divided our consciousness from our body.

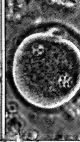
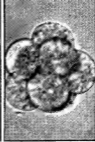
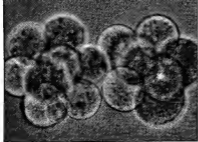
We aren't in our main body.



Weren't you the one who said to take his soul?

WHERE...

We have no more time, we're going.



HE'LL JUST  
KEEP GROWING  
IF WE DON'T  
HURRY!

MOMOTARO  
IS MAKING  
HIS CELLS  
DIVIDE!

I know this,  
be silent.





There it is,  
Momotaro's  
soul!







SASAMORI  
HIKO-NO-  
MIKOTO,  
THE WISE  
MONKEY!



INUKAI  
TAKEMI-  
NO-MIKOTO,  
WHO KNOWS  
JUSTICE!



*The dog,  
monkey, and  
pheasant  
who defend  
Momotaro's  
soul.*

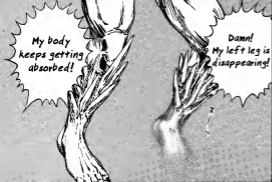
YOU'RE  
SAYING  
MOMOTARO  
WAS REAL!?



TOME-  
TAMANO  
OMI-NO-  
MIKOTO,  
THE BRAVE!



WE ARE THE  
FOLLOWERS OF  
KIBITSUNO HIKO-  
NO-MIKOTO,  
THE WISE,  
JUST, AND  
BRAVE!



异形人  
白若丸

The old couple named the child Momotaro.

When she cut the peach in two, out came a child.

While she was washing a great big peach came tumbling and splashing down the stream.

One day the old man went to the mountains to cut grass; and the old woman went to the river to wash clothes.

A long, long time ago, there lived an old man and an old woman.



Once older, Momotaro had the elderly couple make him dumplings, and off he went with a dog, a monkey, and a pheasant to the island of the devils. There, it is said that he defeated them.

## CHAPTER 14 THE NEW LEGEND OF MOMOTARO



YOU'RE SAYING  
MOMOTARO  
WAS REAL!?

WE, THE DOG,  
MONKEY, AND  
PHEASANT ARE  
THE DEFENDERS  
OF THE SOUL OF  
KIBITSUHO  
HIKO-NO-MIKOTO!



## CHAPTER 14

# THE NEW LEGEND OF MOMOTARO

HAHAHA/  
MY BODY IS  
GROWING ENORMOUS  
BY TURNING THIS  
DEMON'S FLESH  
AND BLOOD INTO  
NUTRIENTS.





DEVIL!  
I WILL  
SPLIT YOU  
IN TWO!



You think you  
can cut a devil  
with such a dull  
blade!?





WHAT?!



I'll cut you  
to shreds with  
my ghostly  
blade, the  
bone sword!







It is filled  
with blood  
and hatred.

This bone sword  
has been sharpened  
by the hundreds  
of nobodies it  
has cut down.



The followers  
of Momotaro  
won't even make  
it rust!

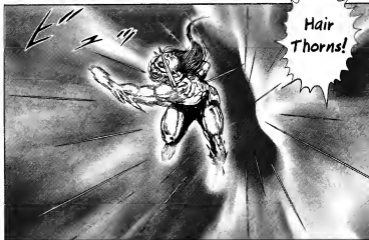


Oniwakamaru,  
Wailing Slash!



Don't hate  
me. Hate the  
recklessness  
that caused you  
to challenge  
a demon.







Should the legends be true, that would make the followers of Momotaro my enemies.

HEY...  
HURRY UP,  
ONIWAKAMARU!  
YOUR LOWER  
BODY IS  
DISAPPEARING!





I AM KIBITSUNO  
HIKO-NO-MIKOTO.

SO...  
SO THIS IS  
MOMOTARO?



Bah, We did  
nothing! Humans  
just decided to  
be scared of  
demons on  
their own!



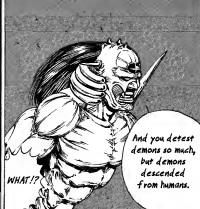
MENACING  
THE INNOCENTS,  
YOU EVIL DEVIL.





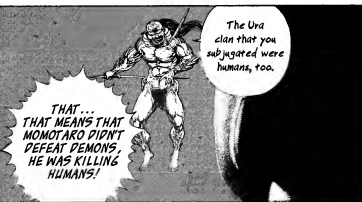
Then they became demons.

You persecuted them, discriminated against them even though they were humans until they came to resent and hate...



WHAT!?

And you detest demons so much, but demons descended from humans.



THAT... THAT MEANS THAT MOMOTARO DIDN'T DEFEAT DEMONS, HE WAS KILLING HUMANS!

The Ura clan that you subjugated were humans, too.



WAS HE ACTUALLY PILLAGING?

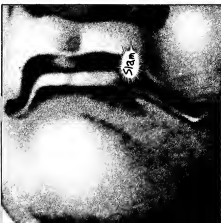
THE LEGEND SAYS THAT THE DEFEATED DEMON PRESENTED TREASURE TO MOMOTARO...

A large, black and white illustration of a tiger's face, roaring with its mouth wide open. Inside the tiger's mouth, a small, muscular figure is visible, appearing to be in a state of intense action or combat. The tiger's eyes are closed, and its fur is detailed with fine lines. The overall composition is dramatic and intense.

BE SILENT  
YOU VULGAR,  
IMBECILIC  
DEVIL!

A close-up, black and white illustration of a tiger's face, showing its eyes, nose, and open mouth with sharp teeth. The tiger has a fierce expression. The background is dark and textured.

Hito, Legends  
are twisted and  
made out to be  
what's most  
convenient for  
humans!





DID WE DIE,  
ONIWAKAMARU?



*Demons  
don't die.*



I...  
I WONDER IF  
I WON'T DIE?



•  
•  
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AHAHAH! I'VE  
COMPLETELY  
ABSORBED  
THE DEMON!

NOW  
MOMOTARO IS  
THE GREATEST  
SUPER HERO  
EVER!

THAT'S...  
NOT WHAT I  
MEANT...

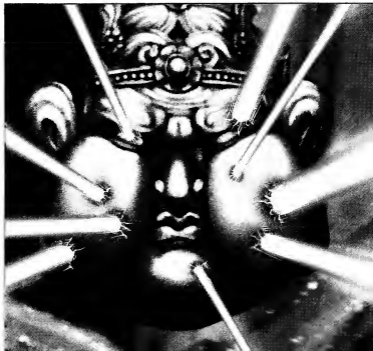
Hito, do  
you want  
to die?

W-WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN?

Do you  
want to  
try once?

WAIT... DON'T DO  
ANYTHING STUPID,  
ONIWAKAMARU!

I'm going to  
blow myself up.  
I must damage my  
mortal enemy.





Taking  
vengeance for  
a relative even  
though your body  
is broken is the  
demon way of  
life!



H.H...  
WHAT?

WHAT HAPPEN-  
ED?

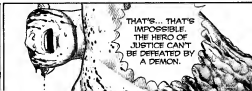




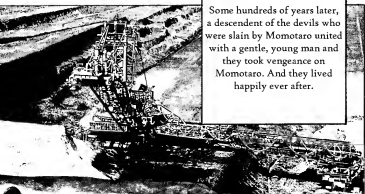
WHAT THE...



Momotaro.  
I have taken  
Kibitsuno  
Hiko-no-mikoto's  
soul.

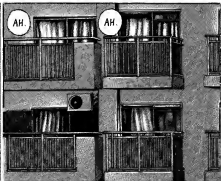


THAT'S... THAT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE.  
THE HERO OF  
JUSTICE CAN'T  
BE DEFEATED BY  
A DEMON.



Some hundreds of years later, a descendent of the devils who were slain by Momotaro united with a gentle, young man and they took vengeance on Momotaro. And they lived happily ever after.

真形人  
白若丸



# CHAPTER 15 HOPE









UH,  
A KID?

WANTING TO  
HAVE THE MAN  
YOU LOVE'S  
KIDS IS JUST  
A WOMAN'S  
INSTINCT.



YEP.

I'M NOT  
NORMAL...  
WHAT IF...



B...  
BUT...  
I'M...

AND SINCE  
I LOVE YOU,  
HITO.



I WANT TO  
GIVE YOUR  
GENES TO  
THE FUTURE.





I WANT TO  
CREATE A LIFE  
WITH YOU.

I'M DOING IT  
WITH YOU, NOT  
ONIWAKAMARU.

WHAT  
IF THE BABY  
IS BORN LIKE  
ONIWAKAMARU?

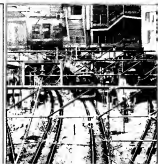
"DOING IT?"  
THAT'S SO BOLD  
FOR YUKI!

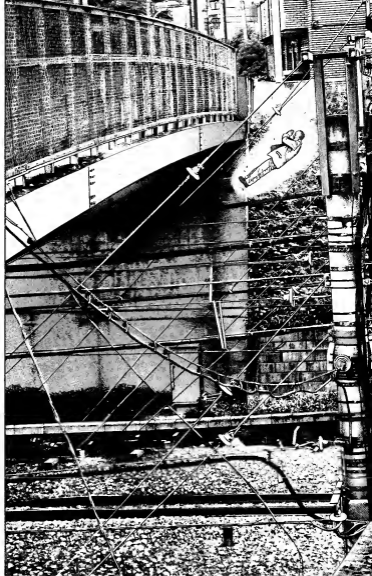
Y...  
YEAH.

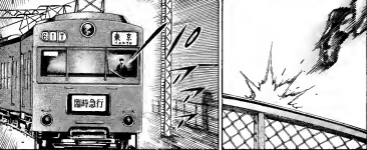
HUMANS  
SURVIVE  
BECAUSE THEY  
HAVE HOPE.

LIFE  
MEANS  
HOPE.

HOPE...









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東京  
TOKYO

臨時急行





PLEASE,  
JUST LET  
ME DIE.

UHH...  
LET ME  
DIE.

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING!?



LET ME  
DIE.

THERE'S  
ONLY PAIN  
IN LIVING.



THINK OF  
THE PEOPLE  
WHO WILL  
HAVE TO LIVE  
IN SORROW!



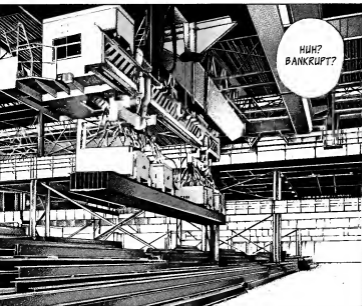
YOU MIGHT  
BE AT EASE  
WHEN YOU DIE,  
BUT WHAT ABOUT  
THE FAMILY YOU  
LEAVE BEHIND?



W-WELL  
ANYWAY,  
COULD YOU  
TELL ME WHAT  
HAPPENED?



WAAAAH!



HUH?  
BANKRUPT?





NOT MUCH  
WORK FOR A  
SMALL IRON  
FOUNDRY LIKE  
OURS IN THIS  
RECESSION.



IS THIS A  
PICTURE OF  
YOUR FAMILY?



I DIVORCED MY  
WIFE SO SHE  
COULD ESCAPE  
FROM THE  
CREDITORS.







WORK HARD SO  
THAT YOU CAN LIVE  
WITH YOUR WIFE  
AND CHILD AGAIN.



THANK  
YOU SO  
MUCH.



MY FRIEND SAID  
HE WILL FIND A  
PLACE FOR YOU  
TO CHANGE YOUR  
OCCUPATION.

REST EASY,  
MR. TAKENAKA.

HUH?



UM, MR. TACHIBANA.  
CAN I ASK A KIND OF  
ANKWARD QUESTION?



UM...  
WELL...



HAVE  
HOPE.

I...  
I DON'T  
KNOW HOW  
TO PAY YOU  
BACK...

ARE YOU HUMAN?



TH-THAT WAS LIKE THE BRUTE STRENGTH YOU GET AT THE SCENE OF A FIRE OR SOMETHING. HAHAAH.



OF COURSE I'M HUMAN. HAHAAH.



ER... YOU SEE, YOU CAUGHT ME AND THEN JUMPED UP WAY OVER A TRAIN AND ALL...





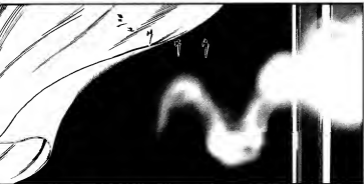


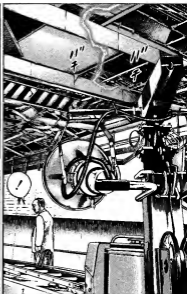
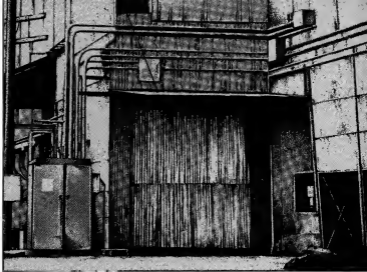














AND THE  
NAME THEY  
GAVE ME WAS...  
ONIWAKAMARU.

I WAS CALLED  
A DEMON CHILD  
AND ABUSED  
FROM BIRTH.



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好評連載されたものを収録しました。

●ヤングジャンプ・コミックス●  
BJ

# 異形人おに若丸

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